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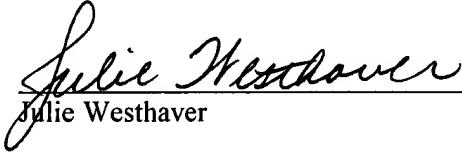
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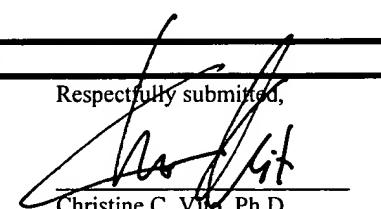
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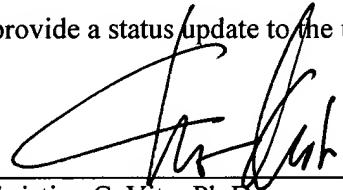
**Applicants' Inquiry Concerning Continued Suspension of Action by Examiner
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.103(b) and MPEP §709**

Further to a communication mailed March 21, 2001 from the Examiner in charge of the above-referenced application, the period of suspension imposed sua sponte by the Examiner, originally expired on December 7, 2000, remained in effect due to a potential interference.

Accordingly, Applicants submit the instant inquiry as to the status of the above-referenced application. The Examiner is urged to provide a status update to the undersigned.

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